

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND
OTHER INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

JUNE 30, 2015

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SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Sac
County Solid Waste Agency

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of Sac County Solid Waste Agency as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related Notes to Financial Statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1. This includes determining the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. This includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Agency's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash basis financial position of Sac County Solid Waste Agency as of June 30, 2015, and the changes in its cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

As described in Note 1, this financial statement was prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Emphasis of Matter

As disclosed in Note 3 to the financial statements, Sac County Solid Waste Agency adopted new accounting guidance related to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Other Information

The other information, Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of the Agency's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Agency Contributions information on pages 6 through 8, and on pages 19 through 21, has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 30, 2016, on our consideration of Sac County Solid Waste Agency's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* in considering Sac County Solid Waste Agency's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Hunzelman, Putzier & Co. PLLC

March 30, 2016

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Sac County Solid Waste Agency provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statement. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of Sac County Solid Waste Agency is for the year ended June 30, 2015. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Agency's financial statement, which follows.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Agency's operating receipts increased 1.5% or \$7,053, from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal year 2015.

The Agency's operating disbursements decreased 14.9%, or \$51,176, from fiscal year 2014 to fiscal year 2015.

The Agency's cash balance increased 8.6%, or \$74,262, from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The Agency has elected to present its financial statement on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Basis of accounting refers to when financial events are recorded, such as the timing for recognizing revenues, expenses and the related assets and liabilities. Under the cash basis of accounting, revenues and expenses and the related assets and liabilities are recorded when they result from cash transactions.

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues and liabilities and their related expenses are not recorded in this financial statement. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, readers should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

The annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the cash basis of accounting.

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the financial statement. The annual report consists of the financial statement and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the financial statement and provides an analytical overview of the Agency's financial activities.

The Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balance presents information on the Agency's operating receipts and disbursements, non-operating receipts and disbursements and whether the Agency's cash basis financial position has improved or deteriorated as a result of the year's activities.

Notes to Financial Statement provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statement.

Other Information further explains and supports the Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability and related contributions.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AGENCY

Condensed Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balance

The purpose of the statement is to present the receipts received by the Agency and the disbursements paid by the Agency, both operating and non-operating. The statement also presents a fiscal snapshot of the cash balance at year end. Over time, readers of the financial statement are able to determine the Agency's cash basis financial position by analyzing the increase and decrease in the Agency's cash balance.

Operating receipts are received for gate fees from accepting solid waste and assessments from the members of the Agency. Operating disbursements are disbursements paid to operate the landfill. Non-operating receipts and disbursements are for interest on investments, equipment purchases and capital projects. A summary of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash balance for the years ended June 30, 2015 and June 30, 2014 is as follows:

	<u>Changes in Cash Balance</u>	
	<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	
<u>OPERATING RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
User fees and gate fees	\$ 240,395	\$ 233,342
City and County assessments	227,700	227,700
Total operating receipts	468,095	461,042
<u>OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS</u>		
Salaries and benefits	111,617	111,771
Recycling costs	20,923	53,715
Solid waste fees	19,764	11,481
Monitoring wells and testing	14,690	17,774
Engineering services	52,474	29,246
Other	74,068	120,725
Total operating disbursements	293,536	344,712
Excess of operating receipts over operating disbursements	174,559	116,330
<u>NONOPERATING RECEIPTS (DISBURSEMENTS)</u>		
Loan proceeds	-	198,694
Interest on investments	1,037	1,651
Capital improvements	(59,646)	(288,116)
Miscellaneous income	-	780
Sale of equipment	9,000	31,500
Debt repayments	(50,688)	(23,536)
Net non-operating disbursements	(100,297)	(79,027)
Net change in cash balance	74,262	37,303
Cash balance beginning of year	862,488	825,185
Cash balance end of year	\$ 936,750	\$ 862,488

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE AGENCY - (Continued)

Condensed Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balance - (Continued)

CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE

Restricted for:

Closure	\$ 131,134	\$ 114,194
Postclosure care	<u>353,129</u>	<u>324,918</u>
Total restricted cash basis fund balance	484,263	439,112
Unrestricted	<u>452,487</u>	<u>423,376</u>
Total cash basis fund balance	<u>\$ 936,750</u>	<u>\$ 862,488</u>

In fiscal year 2015, operating receipts increased \$7,053, over fiscal year 2014. In fiscal year 2015, operating disbursements decreased \$51,176, or 14.9%, from fiscal year 2014.

A portion of the Agency's cash balances, \$484,263 (52%), is restricted for closure and postclosure care. State and federal laws and regulations require the Agency to place a final cover on the landfill site and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for a minimum of thirty years after closure. The remaining cash balance, \$452,487 (48%), is unrestricted and can be used to meet the Agency's obligations as they come due. The restricted cash balance increased \$45,151, or 10.3%, during the year. The increase was due to additional funds set aside for closure and postclosure care. The unrestricted cash balance increased \$29,111, or 6.9%, during the year.

LONG-TERM DEBT

At June 30, 2015, the Agency had approximately \$175,000 of long-term debt outstanding, compared to approximately \$224,000 last year. In fiscal year 2014, the Agency was awarded a SWAP grant that consisted of a \$20,000 forgivable loan, a 0% loan of \$150,000, and a 3% loan of 28,694. Repayments against these loans totaled \$35,440 during the year. At June 30, 2015, the total outstanding balance was \$134,420.

The Agency also purchased equipment through a lease purchase agreement at a total cost of \$68,348. At June 30, 2015, the balance on the lease purchase agreement was \$40,986.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

The financial position of the Agency improved in the current fiscal year. Some factors which continue to cause long term concerns are:

Facilities and equipment at the Agency require constant maintenance and upkeep.

Annual deposits required to be made to closure and postclosure care accounts are based on constantly changing cost estimates and the number of tons of solid waste received at the facility.

The Agency anticipates the current fiscal year will be one of transition as it makes important decisions regarding the future of solid waste in this planning area.

CONTACTING THE AGENCY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Agency's finances and to show its accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Sac County Solid Waste Agency, 100 NW State Street, Box 12, Sac City, Iowa 50583.

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Exhibit A

Operating receipts:	
User fees and gate receipts	\$ 240,395
City and County assessments	227,700
Total operating receipts	<u>468,095</u>
Operating disbursements:	
Salaries and benefits	111,617
Machine hire and contract services	17,778
Operating supplies and repairs	11,206
Solid waste fees	19,764
Utilities	3,819
Insurance	7,806
Engineering services	52,474
Accounting and legal	3,575
Monthly meeting reimbursement	1,830
Travel and continuing education	113
Miscellaneous, permits, sales tax	5,604
Fuel, oil, and lubricants	11,939
Gravel and rock	2,898
Recycling costs	20,923
Leachate processing and transportation	7,500
Monitoring wells and testing	14,690
Total operating disbursements	<u>293,536</u>
Excess of operating receipts over operating disbursements	<u>174,559</u>
Non-operating receipts (disbursements):	
Interest on investments	1,037
Capital improvements	(59,646)
Sale of equipment	9,000
Debt repayments	(50,688)
Net non-operating disbursements	<u>(100,297)</u>
Net change in cash balance	74,262
Cash balance, beginning of year	<u>862,488</u>
Cash balance, end of year	<u>\$ 936,750</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balance	
Restricted for:	
Closure	\$ 131,134
Postclosure care	353,129
Total restricted cash basis fund balance	484,263
Unrestricted	452,487
Total cash basis fund balance	<u>\$ 936,750</u>

See notes to financial statement.

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 2015

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Sac County Solid Waste Agency was formed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa. The purpose of the Agency is to develop, operate, and maintain solid waste facilities in Sac County on behalf of the units of government which are members of the Agency.

The governing body of the Agency is composed of one representative from each of the nine member cities, one representative from Sac County, and one township trustee from each of the four quarters. The representatives are appointed by the participating political subdivisions and each has one vote.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, Sac County Solid Waste Agency has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities. The Agency has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Agency are such that exclusion would cause the Agency's financial statement to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the Agency to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Agency. The Agency has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Agency are organized as an Enterprise Fund. Enterprise Funds are utilized to finance and account for the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of governmental facilities and services supported by user charges.

Enterprise Funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with an Enterprise Fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

C. Basis of Accounting

Sac County Solid Waste Agency maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statement of the Agency is prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued items, including the estimated payables for closure and postclosure care. Accordingly, the financial statement does not present the financial position and results of operations of the Agency in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

D. Cash Basis Fund Balance

Funds set aside for payment of landfill closure and postclosure care are classified as restricted.

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 2015

2. Cash

The Agency's deposits in banks at June 30, 2015, were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Agency is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Agency; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

Interest rate risk - The Agency's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) to instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days, but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the Agency.

3. Pension and Retirement Benefits

Plan Description – IPERS membership is mandatory for employees of the Agency, except for those covered by another retirement system. Employees of the Agency are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan administered by Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS). IPERS issues a stand-alone financial report which is available to the public by mail at 7401 Register Drive P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117 or at www.ipers.org.

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general information purposes only. Refer to the plan documents for more information.

Pension Benefits – A regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is age 65, anytime after reaching age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment, or when the member's years of service plus the member's age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. (These qualifications must be met on the member's first month of entitlement to benefits.) Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits before age 55. The formula used to calculate a Regular member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

- A multiplier (based on years of service).
- The member's highest five-year average salary. (For members with service before June 30, 2012, the highest three-year average salary as of that date will be used if it is greater than the highest five-year average salary.)

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member's monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service earned before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25 percent for each month that the member receives benefits before the member's earliest normal retirement age. For service earned starting July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50 percent for each month that the member receives benefits before age 65.

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member's lifetime. However, to combat the effects of inflation, retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990 receive a guaranteed dividend with their regular November benefit payments.

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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3. Pension and Retirement Benefits – (Continued)

Disability and Death Benefits – A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member's beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member's accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

Contributions – Effective July 1, 2012, as a result of a 2010 law change, the contribution rates are established by IPERS following the annual actuarial valuation, which applies IPERS' Contribution Rate Funding Policy and Actuarial Amortization Method. Statute limits the amount rates can increase or decrease each year to 1 percentage point.

IPERS Contribution Rate Funding Policy requires that the actuarial contribution rate be determined using the "entry age normal" actuarial cost method and the actuarial assumptions and methods approved by the IPERS Investment Board. The actuarial contribution rate covers normal cost plus the unfunded actuarial liability payment based on a 30-year amortization period. The payment to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability is determined as a level percentage of payroll, based on the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board.

In fiscal year 2015, pursuant to the required rate, Regular members contributed 5.95 percent of pay and the Agency contributed 8.93 percent for a total rate of 14.88 percent.

The Agency's contributions to IPERS for the year ended June 30, 2015 were \$7,140.

Collective Net Pension Liabilities, Collective Pension Expense, and Collective Deferred Outflows of Resources and Collective Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – At June 30, 2015, the Agency's liability for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability totaled \$46,596. The collective net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the collective net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Agency's proportion of the collective net pension liability was based on the Agency's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all IPERS participating employers. At June 30, 2014, the Agency's proportion was 0.0011749 percent, which was an increase of 0.0000794 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2013.

For the year ended June 30, 2015 the Agency collective pension expense, collective deferred outflows and collective deferred inflows totaled \$3,488, \$2,562 and \$17,771, respectively.

Actuarial Assumptions – The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Rate of inflation (effective June 30, 2014)	3.00 percent per annum
Rates of salary increases (effective June 30, 2010)	4.00 to 17.00 percent, average, including inflation. Rates vary by membership group.
Long-term investment rate of return (effective June 20, 1996)	7.50 percent, compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies with dates corresponding to those listed above.

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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3. Pension and Retirement Benefits – (Continued)

Collective Net Pension Liabilities, Collective Pension Expense, and Collective Deferred Outflows of Resources and Collective Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – (Continued)

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Scale AA.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
US Equity	23%	6.31
Non US Equity	15%	6.76
Private Equity	13%	11.34
Real Estate	8%	3.52
Core Plus Fixed Income	28%	2.06
Credit Opportunities	5%	3.67
TIPS	5%	1.92
Other Real Assets	2%	6.27
Cash	<u>1%</u>	(0.69)
Total	<u>100%</u>	

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the contractually required rate and that contributions from the Agency will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Agency's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5 percent, as well as what the Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.5 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.5 percent) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease 6.50%</u>	<u>Discount Rate 7.50%</u>	<u>1% Increase 8.50%</u>
Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 88,043	\$ 46,596	\$ 11,612

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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3. Pension and Retirement Benefits – (Continued)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued IPERS financial report which is available on IPERS’ website at www.ipers.org.

4. Compensated Absences

Agency employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement, or death. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the Agency until used or paid. The Agency’s approximate liability for earned vacation at June 30, 2015 was \$4,903. This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2015.

5. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description - The Agency operates a single-employer health benefit plan which provides medical/prescription drug benefits for employees, retirees and their spouses. There are 2 active members in the plan. Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement.

The medical/prescription drug benefits are provided through a fully-insured plan with Wellmark. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical/prescription drug benefits as active employees.

Funding Policy - The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the Agency. The Agency currently finances the retiree benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. The most recent active member monthly premiums for the Agency and plan members are \$670 for single coverage. For the year ended June 30, 2015, the Agency contributed \$16,191 to the plan.

6. Closure and Postclosure Care

To comply with federal and state regulations, the Agency is required to complete a monitoring system plan and a closure/postclosure plan and to provide funding necessary to effect closure and postclosure, including the proper monitoring and care of the landfill after closure. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements have established closure and thirty-year postclosure care requirements for all municipal solid waste landfills which receive waste after October 9, 1993.

State governments are primarily responsible for implementation and enforcement of those requirements and have been given flexibility to tailor requirements to accommodate local conditions that exist. The effect of the EPA requirement is to commit landfill owners to perform certain closing functions and postclosure monitoring functions as a condition for the right to operate the landfill in the current period. The EPA requirements provide when a landfill stops accepting waste, it must be covered with a minimum of twenty-four inches of earth to keep liquid away from the buried waste. Once the landfill is closed, the owner is responsible for maintaining the final cover, monitoring ground water and methane gas, and collecting and treating leachate (the liquid that drains out of waste) for thirty years.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 18 requires landfill owners to estimate total landfill closure and postclosure care costs and recognize a portion of these costs each year based on the percentage of estimated total landfill capacity used that year.

Estimated total costs consist of four components: (1) the cost of equipment and facilities used in postclosure monitoring and care, (2) the cost of final cover (material and labor), (3) the cost of monitoring the landfill during the postclosure period, and (4) the cost of any environmental cleanup required after closure. Estimated total cost is based on the cost to purchase those services and equipment currently and is required to be updated annually for changes due to inflation or deflation, technology, or applicable laws or regulations.

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 2015

6. Closure and Postclosure Care – (Continued)

These costs for the Agency have been estimated to be \$556,102 for closure and \$1,048,410 for postclosure care, for a total of \$1,604,512 as of June 30, 2015. The estimated remaining life of the landfill with permitted lateral expansion is 25 years. The Agency has no plans for lateral expansion and as a result, the landfill is expected to reach full capacity and subsequently close sometime during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, at which time the Agency will stop accepting solid waste for disposal and begin hauling non-recyclable solid waste in addition to recyclable materials to Carroll County Solid Waste Management Commission. Chapter 455B.306(9)(b) of the Code of Iowa requires permit holders of municipal solid waste landfills to maintain separate closure and postclosure care accounts to accumulate resources for the payment of closure and postclosure care costs. The Agency has begun to accumulate the resources necessary to fund these costs and, at June 30, 2015, assets of \$484,263 are restricted for these purposes, of which \$131,134 is for closure and \$353,129 is for the postclosure care. They are reported as restricted cash balance on the Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balance.

Also, pursuant to Chapter 567-113.14(6) of the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC), since the estimated closure and postclosure care costs are not fully funded, the Agency is required to demonstrate financial assurance for the unfunded costs. The Agency has adopted the local government guarantee mechanism. Sac County has guaranteed the closure and postclosure care costs.

7. Notes and Loans

A summary of changes in notes and loans for the year ended June 30, 2015 is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Issued	Paid	Balance End of Year	Interest Paid
Capital Lease	\$ 53,862	\$ -	\$ 12,876	\$ 40,986	\$ 760
Iowa Dept of Natural Resources loan	169,859	-	35,442	134,417	1,611
	<u>\$ 223,721</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$48,318</u>	<u>\$175,403</u>	<u>\$ 2,371</u>

During the year ended June 30, 2014, the Agency entered into an agreement with Caterpillar Financial to purchase a telehandler costing \$68,348. The agreement requires five annual installments of \$14,487 which began July 22, 2013. The installment payments include interest at 2.95% per annum. At June 30, 2015, the balance of the agreement was \$40,986.

During the year ended June 30, 2014, the Agency entered into an agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to construct, equip, and operate a material recovery facility for recyclables. The agreement requires quarterly installments of \$9,050 which began July 15, 2014. The agreement includes a forgivable loan of \$20,000, a 0% loan of \$150,000, and a 3% loan of \$28,694 and matures on April 15, 2019.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the above notes and loans are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	39,947	1,864	41,811
2017	49,390	1,298	50,688
2018	49,974	716	50,690
2019	<u>36,092</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>36,201</u>
	<u>\$ 175,403</u>	<u>\$ 3,987</u>	<u>\$ 179,390</u>

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8. Recyclable Processing Agreement

The Agency entered into an agreement with the Carroll County Solid Waste Management Commission for the disposal of recyclables generated within Sac County. Effective for the current fiscal year the Agency pays \$10 per ton for recyclables delivered from the Agency. This agreement was extended through June 30, 2020.

9. Risk Management

The Agency is a member of the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by Chapter 670.7 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool whose 727 members include various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials' liability, police professional liability, property, inland marine, and boiler/machinery. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual casualty operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses, and reinsurance expenses estimated for the fiscal year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained at a level determined by the Board not to exceed 300% of basis rate.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual property operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, reinsurance premiums, losses and loss expenses for property risks estimated for the fiscal year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year-end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if insufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The Agency's property and casualty contributions to the risk pool are recorded as disbursements from its operating funds at the time of payment to the risk pool. The Agency's contributions to the Pool were \$7,706 for the year ending June 30, 2015. The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials' liability risks up to \$350,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured through reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements up to the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the Agency's risk-sharing certificate. Property and automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to \$250,000 each occurrence, each location. Property risks exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured through reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements up to the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the Agency's risk-sharing certificate.

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim, property loss or series of claims or losses exceeds the amount of risk-sharing protection provided by the Agency's risk-sharing certificate, or in the event a casualty claim, property loss or series of claims or losses exhausts the Pool's funds and any excess risk-sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims or losses shall be the obligation of the respective individual member against whom the claim was made or the loss was incurred.

The Agency does not report a liability for losses in excess of reinsurance or excess risk-sharing recoveries unless it is deemed probable such losses have occurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, at June 30, 2015, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool of reinsurance coverage since the Pool's inception.

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9. Risk Management - Continued

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days' prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claims expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Upon withdrawal, a formula set forth in the Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members is applied to determine the amount (if any) to be refunded to the withdrawing member.

The Agency also carries commercial insurance purchased from other insurers for coverage associated with workers compensation. The Agency assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

10. Solid Waste Tonnage Fees Retained

The Agency has established an account for restricting and using solid waste tonnage fees retained by the Agency in accordance with Chapter 455B.310 of the Code of Iowa. At June 30, 2015, the Agency had no unspent tonnage fees.

11. Subsequent Events

The Agency has entered into a contract to construct a transfer station building to be used for temporary deposition of solid waste in the anticipation of the landfill reaching permitted capacity without future expansion, at which time the Agency will stop accepting solid waste for disposal and begin hauling non-recyclable solid waste in addition to recyclable materials to Carroll County Solid Waste Management Commission. The Agency has accepted a bid for construction of the transfer station building in the amount of \$549,485. The total anticipated design and engineering costs of this project are \$92,000, of which approximately \$51,000 were paid in fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. This project will be funded through funds on hand and bank financing.

As described in Note 6, estimated closure costs of the landfill are \$556,102, of which \$131,134 is restricted for this purpose. The Agency anticipates these costs will be fully funded by a loan from the State Revolving Loan Fund, at which time the current restricted funds will become unrestricted.

OTHER INFORMATION

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
SCHEDULE OF THE AGENCY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST FISCAL YEAR*
OTHER INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>2015</u>
Agency's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0011749%
Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 46,596
Agency's covered-employee payroll	\$ 76,881
Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	60.61%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	87.61%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of June 30.

Note: GASB Statement No. 68 requires ten years of information to be presented in this table. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Agency will present information for those years for which information is available.

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
SCHEDULE OF AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS
IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LAST SIX FISCAL YEARS
OTHER INFORMATION
JUNE 30, 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 7,140	\$ 6,865	\$ 6,230	\$ 5,630	\$ 4,753	\$ 4,548	\$ 4,216
Contributions in relation to the stautorily required contribution	<u>(7,140)</u>	<u>(6,865)</u>	<u>(6,230)</u>	<u>(7,227)</u>	<u>(9,585)</u>	<u>(4,342)</u>	<u>(4,216)</u>
Contribution deficieny (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,597)</u>	<u>\$ (4,832)</u>	<u>\$ 206</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Agency's covered-employee payroll	\$ 79,957	\$ 76,881	\$ 71,851	\$ 69,758	\$ 68,390	\$ 68,390	\$ 66,398
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	8.93%	8.93%	8.67%	8.07%	6.95%	6.65%	6.35%

Note: GASB Statement No. 68 requires ten years of information to be presented in this table. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the Agency will present information for those years for which information is available.

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Changes of Benefit Terms

Legislation passed in 2010 modified benefit terms for current Regular members. The definition of final average salary changed from the highest three to the highest five years of covered wages. The vesting requirement changed from four years of service to seven years. The early retirement reduction increased from 3 percent per year measured from the member's first unreduced retirement age to a 6 percent reduction for each year of retirement before age 65.

In 2008, legislative action transferred four groups – emergency medical service providers, county jailers, county attorney investigators, and National Guard installation security officers – from Regular membership to the protection occupation group for future service only.

Benefit provisions for sheriffs and deputies were changed in the 2004 legislative session. The eligibility for unreduced retirement benefits was lowered from age 55 by one year each July 1 (beginning in 2004) until it reached age 50 on July 1, 2008. The years of service requirement remained at 22 or more. Their contribution rates were also changed to be shared 50-50 by the employee and employer, instead of the previous 40-60 split.

Changes of Assumptions

The 2014 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Decreased the inflation assumption from 3.25 percent to 3.00 percent.
- Decreased the assumed rate of interest on member accounts from 4.00 percent to 3.75 percent per year.
- Adjusted male mortality rates for retirees in the Regular membership group.
- Reduced retirement rates for sheriffs and deputies between the ages of 55 and 64.
- Moved from an open 30 year amortization period to a closed 30 year amortization period for the UAL beginning June 30, 2014. Each year thereafter, changes in the UAL from plan experience will be amortized on a separate closed 20 year period.

The 2010 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Adjusted retiree mortality assumptions.
- Modified retirement rates to reflect fewer retirements.
- Lowered disability rates at most ages.
- Lowered employment termination rates.
- Generally increased the probability of terminating members receiving a deferred retirement benefit.
- Modified salary increase assumptions based on various service duration.

The 2007 valuation adjusted the application of the entry age normal cost method to better match projected contributions to the projected salary stream in the future years. It also included in the calculation of the UAL amortization payments the one-year lag between the valuation date and the effective date of the annual actuarial contribution rate.

The 2006 valuation implemented the following refinements as a result of a quadrennial experience study:

- Adjusted salary increase assumptions to service based assumptions.
- Decreased the assumed interest rate credited on employee contributions from 4.25 percent to 4.00 percent.
- Lowered the inflation assumption from 3.50 percent to 3.25 percent.
- Lowered disability rates for sheriffs and deputies and protection occupation members.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of a Financial Statement Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Members of Sac
County Solid Waste Agency

We have audited, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statement of Sac County Solid Waste Agency as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related Notes to Financial Statement, and have issued our report thereon dated March 30, 2016. Our report expressed an unmodified opinion on the financial statement which was prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Agency's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, we identified deficiencies in internal control we consider to be material weaknesses, and other deficiencies we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of the Agency's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items (A) through (C) to be material weaknesses.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control which is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item (D) to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Agency's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Agency's operations for the year ended June 30, 2015, are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statement of the Agency. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Sac County Solid Waste Agency's Responses to the Findings

The Agency's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. The Agency's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Agency's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Agency's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Hanzelman, Putzier & Co. PLLC

March 30, 2016

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Findings Related to the Financial Statement:

INSTANCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:

- A. Segregation of Duties - An important aspect of internal accounting control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. We noted that bank deposits, opening mail, recording receipts and disbursements, checks and payroll preparation, and bank reconciliations are all handled by one individual.

Recommendation - We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the Agency should review its operating procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response – The Agency will review our operating procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible within our capabilities with a limited number of employees.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- B. Financial Reporting - We noted that while management is capable of preparing accurate financial statements that provide information sufficient for the Board to make management decisions, reporting financial data reliably in accordance with an other comprehensive basis of accounting (OCBOA) requires management to possess sufficient knowledge and expertise to select and apply accounting principles and prepare year-end financial statements, including footnote disclosures. Management presently lacks the qualifications and training to appropriately fulfill these responsibilities, which is a common situation in small entities.

Recommendation - Obtaining additional knowledge through reading relevant accounting literature and attending local professional education courses should help management significantly improve in the ability to prepare and take responsibility for reliable OCBOA financial statements.

Response – The Agency will make every effort to obtain additional knowledge and prepare reliable financial statements.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- C. Bank Reconciliations – Monthly bank reconciliations were not reviewed by an independent person.

Recommendation – To improve financial accountability and control, monthly bank reconciliations should be reviewed by an independent person and the review should be documented by the signature or initials of the reviewer and the date of the review.

Response – The Agency has taken steps to have the bank reconciliation reviewed by the Chairman of the Board.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

SAC COUNTY SOLID WASTE AGENCY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Findings Related to the Financial Statement:

- D. Interest and Penalties – We noted instances where monthly and quarterly payroll reports and deposits were filed past the due date incurring interest and penalty charges.

Recommendation – The Agency should create and maintain controls to ensure payroll reports and deposits are filed in a timely manner.

Response – After receiving notice of those amounts and remitting all monies owed, we have taken steps to ensure that quarterly reports and deposits will be handled in a timely manner.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

1. Questionable Disbursements - We noted no disbursements that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
2. Travel Expense - No disbursements of Agency money for travel expenses of spouses of Agency officials or employees were noted.
3. Agency Minutes - No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not. However, the minutes are not being properly signed, and although minutes of Agency proceedings are being published, they are not submitted for publication within 20 days following the adjournment of the meeting as required by Chapter 28E.6 of the Code of Iowa.

Recommendation – The Agency should ensure that the minutes are signed and should be available for publication within 20 days following each meeting.

Response – The Agency will ensure that minutes are properly signed and that the Agency will publish minutes within 20 days following each meeting.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

4. Deposits and Investments – No instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Agency's investment policy were noted.
5. Solid Waste Tonnage Fees Retained - During the year ended June 30, 2015, the Agency used or retained solid waste fees in accordance with Chapter 455B.310 of the Code of Iowa.
6. Financial Assurance – The Agency has demonstrated financial assurance for closure and postclosure care by obtaining a local government guarantee as provided in Chapter 113.14(6) of the Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) Section 567.

The total identified costs for closure and postclosure care is \$1,604,512. Sac County has guaranteed this liability. In addition to this guarantee, the Agency has begun to accumulate resources to fund closure and postclosure costs, and at June 30, 2015, assets of \$484,263 are restricted for this purpose.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources rules and regulations require deposits into the closure and postclosure care accounts be made at least annually, and the deposits shall be made within 30 days of the close of each fiscal year. The Agency had made all required deposits as of June 30, 2015.

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Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting: (Continued)

7. Publication of Salaries – Chapter 28E.6 of the Code of Iowa requires that employee's salaries be published annually. The Agency is currently not publishing the salaries.

Recommendation – The Agency should publish the wages annually. They should consider using the W-2 wages and publish in conjunction with the publication of the minutes.

Response – The Agency will make a practice to publish W-2 wages annually in conjunction with the publication of the minutes following the end of the calendar year.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

8. Form 1099 – The Internal Revenue Service requires that Form 1099 be prepared when disbursements for services to a non-corporate entity exceed \$600 in a calendar year. The Agency is currently not issuing 1099's.

Recommendation – The Agency should monitor yearly disbursements by vendor and issue a Form 1099 if required.

Response – The Agency will monitor yearly disbursements to vendors and issue a Form 1099, if necessary.

Conclusion – Response accepted.